

Summary
Agriculture, Fish and Water (AFW) Process
FOTG Executive Committee Meeting #4
May 24, 2000

1. Field Tour (Handouts)

Following the pre-tour presentations at the WSU Tree Fruit Research Center, the group visited these sites:

- Pear Orchard—Integrated Pest Management-Implementing IPM
- Orchard site #1-NRCS EQIP presentation
- Orchard site #2-Horticulture practices
- Overview of watershed planning
- Entiat watershed science

2. 4(d) Rule Update

June 19th-Chinook rule goes into effect. Tim stated that the North Bend meeting concerning the draft language had been a good one. Tim has revised the language and submitted it to NMFS. He made one additional change: second to last line, “Protocols...” changed the word could to will. Need to clarify issue of task force vs. workgroup. Tim stated that Landino has been very patient in our submittal of this language. Ag caucus was thanked for coming to the table and helping with the language. No guarantees that this will be the exact language, though content will remain the same.

NMFS’s process-Northwest Region sends back its recommendation. Landino does not believe that there will be many changes.

3. Tri-County AFW Linkage

Philip explained that Tri-County also has plug and play language for the 4(d) rule. Work has shifted to build the program to plug in. Practices, FOTGs themselves are the common element.

Linda stated that we are looking at how we collaborate with Tri-County and issues around their framework piece. Getting the tools in the toolbox.

4. Information on Colville Tribes’ Participation (Handouts)

Joe W. gave a presentation on tribal involvement in AFW. He gave us a historical perspective of tribal reservation formation, tribal government, management philosophy, department organization, fisheries history and current management, and trust relationship.

Joe also spoke about an agricultural construct (objectives, intent, and principles). He stated that he would like to come back at a future meeting to talk more about the possible suite of principles, which may be used in evaluation of possible alternatives during the FOTG process.

Tim thanked Joe for the Colvilles’ participation.

5. Draft Process for Achieving Properly Functioning Physical & Biological Conditions on Various Ag Landscapes (Handout)

Frank E. covered the federal caucus' draft proposal's description and objectives. He walked us through a flow chart that ties the Ag landscape to water quality issues, physical functions, limiting factors, biological functions, habitat issues, and treatment levels. The second and third flow charts got into more detail concerning biological and physical functions.

He covered definitions of levels of treatment (relating to physical and biological functions) and agricultural landscape options in eastern and western Washington.

It was suggested that we develop adaptive management practices first and then try to match FOTGs to them.

Action Items:

- The federal caucus is asking for input/feedback from the group on this first attempt at a draft proposal.
- The other caucuses were asked to begin assembling a list of questions concerning Fed's draft proposal. Side meetings will occur between Frank and Tim before Yakima meeting.

6. Initial Review List of Conservation Practices (Handout)

Frank shared a list of 19 conservation practices (FOTGs) that have a high potential to harm fish. He went through them individually and explained why they were selected. This is just an initial list. There are 120 additional practices that may need to be reviewed.

USFWS will review all practices during the consultation process.

It was suggested that we still need a description of the FOTG process and how they work (FOTG 101 training). Also need more dialog concerning the criteria. As a first step, the handout used at a recent meeting that some caucus members attended (containing a NRCS training component) could be sent out prior to the training, as well as 303(d) list information.

Actions Items:

- Frank will send out the FOTG handout.
- Information concerning the 303(d) list will be sent out by EPA.

7. Next Meetings—Preliminary Planning

Yakima meeting has been extended to two days (June 28-29). Tim suggested that this session be used for FOTG 101 training, further discussion on Federal proposal, and possibly hear from the Ag caucus on their proposal.

Jim H., Steve G., Chris C., Charlie-will schedule the field tour for the first day.
Suggestion: meet in the evening for two hours to do business.

Functions piece will be done in July; would include a tour aspect. There was a suggestion to add another day (July 25th).

Decisions:

- The group agreed to add July 25th to the meeting schedule—location TBD.
- Two hours will be added to the evening of June 28th for Frank E.'s FOTG 101 training.

Action Items:

- Ag caucus will get back to Tim on how much time they will need on the June agenda.
- Agency and Ag caucus members will need to coordinate/plan the tour aspect.
- Gerry will get back to Paula concerning location of the July meeting so that she can handle the logistics.
- Frank will supply FOTG 101 training at our Yakima meeting.

Other Business

Stu T. introduced Carmen Andonaegui, the regional coordinator for WCC's Limiting Factors Analysis project. She gave an overview of the work she's been doing.

The Ag caucus presented an Ag Industry Position Paper for us to look at. This was difficult for them to produce, but they felt it was important.

Action Items:

- Paula will send out the list of regional coordinators and what areas they cover. We were reminded that this information is also available on the Conservation Commission's website: <http://www.conserver.org/afw/>
- April 26th meeting summary was approved as written.

Meeting Handouts:

8. Agenda
9. Minutes from April 26, 2000 meeting
10. Year 2000 meeting schedule
11. FOTG Executive Committee membership list
12. Memorandum-AFW 4A(d) Rule Language
13. PowerPoint presentation slides:
 - Tribal Involvement in AFW
 - Agricultural Construct
14. A Proposal for Achieving Properly Functioning Physical and Biological Conditions on Various Agricultural Landscapes
15. Initial Conservation Practice List for AFW Review
16. Ag Fish Water Tour booklet and folder
17. Bull Trout Life History Characteristics and Habitat
18. Potential Adverse Actions to Bull Trout and Other Salmonids

19. Factors Influencing Salmonid Habitat Suitability and Utilization
20. HCP Flowchart
21. Ag Industry Position Paper
22. WRIA 46, Entiat Limiting Factors Report

Attendee List

Name	Representing
1. Allan, A. Doug	Trout Unlimited
2. Always, Ted	?
3. Andonaegui, Carmen	WCC
4. Archibald, Phil	USFS
5. Arrington, Bob	WSDA
6. Bambrick, Dale	NMFS
7. Borck, Gretchen	WA Wheat Growers
8. Brown, Charlie	Potato Commission
9. Bugert, Bob	Governor's Salmon Team
10. Christopher, Bob	WA Assn. Wine Grape Growers
11. Crerar, Linda	WSDA
12. dela Chapelle	WA State Horticultural Assn.
13. Easter, Frank	NRCS
14. Edwards, Rick	USFS
15. Faulconer, Lee	WSDA
16. Garvin, Bill	Columbia-Snake River Irrigation Assn.
17. George, Steven	Hop Growers
18. Hagensen, Julie	EPA
19. Hart, Bob	Skagit County/WSAC
20. Hazen, Jim	WA State Horticultural Assn.
21. Hirst, Ken	Committee Staff-House of Representatives
22. Isaak, Kurt	WACD
23. Jackson, Gerry	USFWS
24. Jesernig, Jim	WSDA
25. Johnson, Linda	Farm Bureau
26. Jones, Phil	Project Coordinator-2514 Planning Unit
27. Kaputa, Mike	Chelan County
28. Landino, Steve	NMFS
29. Lee, Bob	Senate Committee Staff
30. Lund, Hertha	Farm Bureau
31. Mayer, Kirk	Tree Fruit
32. Mazzola, Michelle	Foster Creek Conservation District
33. McFerson, Jim	WA Tree Fruit Research Extension Center
34. McKinley, Toni	WA State Grange
35. Miller, Joe	NMFS
36. Morley, Philip	Snohomish County
37. Muck, Jim	USFWS

38. Noble, Sandy	USFWS
39. Parsons, Jeff	National Audubon Society
40. Peay, Wendy	Hay Growers
41. Poulsen, Karen	Hay Growers
42. Poulson, Mike	Farm Bureau
43. Ralph, Alisa	USFWS
44. Rice, Chuck	EPA
45. Robinson, Bill	Trout Unlimited
46. Rundlett, Mike	WCC
47. Small, Jim	WA Growers Clearing House Assn.
48. Smith, Paula	WCC
49. Smith, Randy	WA Growers Clearing House Assn.
50. Smith, Tim	Chelan/Douglas County Extension Office
51. Southerland, Barry	NRCS
52. Thompson, Tim	Facilitator
53. Trefry, Stu	WCC
54. Tvergate, Paul	Chief Wenatchee
55. Vandemoer, Kate	NMFS
56. Wallace, Dick	Ecology
57. Warren, Geraldine	Washington State Fruit Comm.
58. Weeks, Joe	Colville Tribes
59. Whitehall, Karin	USFS
60. Willis, Lynn	WSDA
61. Willite, Mike	Northwest Horticulture Council
62. Zimmerman, Jim	WA State Grange